

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, after the title, with the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/254,598, filed on ~~March~~ ~~11~~, May 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,310,039, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/DE97/02000 filed on September 9, 1997, which International Application was published by the International Bureau ~~in~~ on March 19, 1998.